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further pressing the foundry sand in the molding space down while both said subsidiary flask and said flask member are kept unable to go down.

17. (New) A method of claim 16, wherein the step of preparatorily pressing the foundry sand is carried out through fluid air compression.

**REMARKS**

Examination of claims 1-17 is requested.

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